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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Central Intelligence
Deputy Director of Central Intelligence

FROM : H. F. Hutchinson, Jr.
NIO for Foreign Denial and Intelligence Activities

SUBJECT : Status of FDIA Staff

1. Summary: This is to alert you to the possibility that LTG Perroots, or the service intelligence chiefs, may ask you why they should detail anyone to this staff. The major reason, of course, is that we believe that the Intelligence Community would benefit from staff attention to the general areas of denial, deception, active measures, security and counterintelligence-related issues. An additional, and not insignificant, reason is that the conference report last year urged this action. The weight of DIA staff advice is influencing DIA and the services to decline your request but Perroots said he might discuss this with you.

2. Background: You sent memoranda to the Director, DIA and the service intelligence chiefs last April requesting them to nominate officers to serve on the FDIA Staff. The negative replies were based on the assumption that the FDIA Staff would be just another production element for analyzing Soviet denial and deception activities and, therefore, in competition with their own production elements. Also, the argument was made that the FDIA Staff would be duplicative of the DDAC.

3. You sent a second round of memoranda in August requesting reconsideration of our request for detailees and rebutted the expressed objections. Since then, I have visited the DIA and the service intelligence chiefs or talked with them at the Military Intelligence Board meeting 25 November. I also revisited Dick Lord at NSA and asked him to meet with [] the FDIA Staff chief, to discuss qualifications for the staff nominees. []

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4. The current status of the staff is that we have on board one GS-15 from CIA/DO, one GS-15 from CIA/DI, one GM-15 from the FBI, one secretary and one intelligence aide from the CIA/DI. Dick Lord indicated this week that he is on the verge of identifying a NSA candidate. Thus, our interagency shortfall is with the DIA and the services.

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5. LTG Perroots told me this week that the DIA staff had advised him to decline your request for detailees. Perroots also said that he was reluctant to do so but wondered why we could not put task forces together to do particular projects rather than detail people to the staff for one or two years. The answer to that is two-fold; the political aspect is that the oversight committees urged us to establish an interagency group and the practical aspect is that the continuity of a permanent staff provides better results. In response to their request, I promised Perroots and the services some examples of projects the FDIA Staff would work on. The bottom line is that there still is a possibility that we will get 2-3 nominees from DIA and the services but the staff elements in DIA are working hard against us. There are concerns within DIA and the services that they cannot afford to detail more people to the CIA. If that concern is valid, then the intelligence chiefs must make judgments about reallocating their detailees among the several requests. There is a less kind judgment to be made and that is that the particular staff element in DIA fostering this opposition is fearful of erosion of its prestige within DoD as the only all-source group for analysis of deception and planning support to DoD deception operations.



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